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a light entrance side [with a prismatic surface and having a light emitting side, said] to receive the light emitted from the light source, that includes a prismatic surface having repeated projections with slopes inclined with respect to the plane of said light control element[,]; and

a light emitting side, spaced from the light entrance side towards the display, to emit diffused light passing through said light control element from the light entrance side toward the light emitting side, wherein at least part of said slopes [defining] define a light diffusible surface to generate the diffused light passing through the light control element toward the light emitting side [and] to reduce light effects of the reflecting sheet.

4. (THREE TIMES AMENDED) A surface light source device of side light type, comprising:

a light guide plate having an incidence end surface, an exiting surface and an incline surface gradually decreasing away from the incidence end surface;

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a reflecting sheet disposed along the inclined surface of the light guide plate; a primary light source for supplying illumination light to said light guide plate from said incidence end surface, the supplied light being deflected in the light guide plate and emitted from the exiting surface of the light guide plate; and

a light control element disposed along the exiting surface of said light guide plate, the light control element extending in a plane, having a light entrance side with a prismatic surface adjacent to said light guide plate, and having a light emitting side, spaced

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from the light entrance side, said prismatic surface having repeated projections with slopes inclined with respect to the plane of said light control element, at least part of said slopes defining a light diffusible surface to generate diffused light, passing through the light control element from the light entrance side towards the light emitting side, [and] to reduce light effects of the reflecting sheet.

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7. (ONCE AMENDED) A surface light source device of side light type, comprising:

a light guide plate having an inclined side and an exiting surface to emit light;

a reflecting sheet, disposed along the inclined side of the light guide plate, to reflect light back to the light guide plate; and

a light control element [to control] that includes a light entrance side having a light diffusible surface that receives the light emitted from the exiting surface of the light guide plate, [in order] and a light emitting side spaced from the light entrance side away from the light guide plate, wherein the diffusible surface generates diffused light passing through the light control element toward the light emitting side to reduce light effects of the reflecting sheet.

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1-7 are pending and claims 1, 4 and 7 have been amended. No new matter is presented in this Amendment.